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FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION IN LONDON.

More Supposed Dynamite Let Loose—No Arrests Made Up to Midnight—Continued Earthquakes.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—At 9:15 o'clock this evening a missile containing dynamite was thrown at a train in the tunnel of the Metropolitan Underground railway between Gower street and Kings cross stations. It missed the train, but struck the wall of the tunnel. Subsequently it exploded against another train, shattering the windows and doors of the cars and slightly damaging the tunnel. Several passengers were cut by glass, but no one was seriously injured. The train ran upon a side-track at Kings Cross station, to await an examination by experts. It will be remembered that a similar but more disastrous explosion occurred at the Piccadilly station of the road in the latter part of November.

LATER—Police are investigating the underground railway explosion, but up to midnight no arrests have been effected.

The Daily Telegraph says, respecting the explosion in the underground railway tunnel: "Once more we repeat that the only way to combat dynamite is to offer immense rewards for their exposure. Informers have and will be found."

The Daily News is at loss to suggest a remedy for such outrages, and can only hope and trust that the miscreants will be captured.

THE SPANISH EARTHQUAKES.

The Upheaval Continues—Great Distress Prevailing.

MADRID, Jan. 2.—Dispatches this morning report fresh earthquake shocks throughout Andalusia. The houses which were left standing yesterday in the town of Alhama have fallen, completing the destruction of the place. The houses in Antequera, are crumbling rapidly. The people are fleeing from the city. Other towns and villages report fresh earthquake shocks and further loss of life and destruction of property. The distress prevailing among the people of Andalusia is terrible. There is a great scarcity of food and medicines, and so panic-stricken have the people become that it is difficult to get men to enter the ruins of buildings in the search for bodies or for rescuing persons from the debris. Considerable sickness prevails among the people, owing to the inclemency of the weather and the lack of clothing necessary for camp life to keep them warm.

FIRE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—At 1 o'clock to-night a fire occurred in William S. Chaffee's piano factory, 456 West Thirty-seventh street. The loss on the stock is estimated at \$20,000 and \$5,000 on the building. The losses are partially covered by insurance.

YESTERDAY WITH CLEVELAND.

Callers in the Afternoon—Preparing to Move Out.

ALBANY, Jan. 2.—To-day was a quiet day at the executive chamber. The callers were few until 4 p. m., when a large number called and were presented to the Governor. Tomorrow and Monday the Governor will be unable to receive callers as he intends to devote these days exclusively to private business, and to make preparations for his resignation next week. Lieutenant Governor Hill will be in Albany on Monday and will bring his message with him. Preparations are also being made at the executive mansion for Cleveland's removal to the Towner residence on Willet street, his temporary home until he leaves for Washington.

Fires in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.—This afternoon the establishment of Theurer & Becker was damaged to the amount of \$10,000; insured.

Early this morning a fire started in Mrs. Jaques's furniture factory, on Perdido street, destroying that building and Sherry & Ligoster's stables, Mrs. Ryan's boarding-house and two three-story brick buildings on Dryades street. The wind changed, and notwithstanding the entire fire department were at work, the flames swept across Penn street, completely gutting Kern's extensive dry-goods establishment and damaging buildings and contents adjoining. The total loss will reach \$145,000. Three firemen were badly hurt by falling walls, but will recover.

Butler's Book Purely Imaginary.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 2.—The Morning Herald publishes to-morrow the following card from Mr. Butler:

"LAW OFFICE OF BENJ. F. BUTLER, 1 BOSTON, Dec. 31, 1884.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter of recent date inquiring the name of a publisher of a book which I have been published in newspapers that I have contracted to write. You are informed that I have made no such engagement, and there is no foundation whatever in fact for the report to which you refer. I am not engaged in writing any book nor have I immediate prospect or intention of so doing. Yours truly,

BENJ. F. BUTLER."

An Overflow at Allegan.

ALLEGAN, Mich. Jan. 2.—During the recent thaw 30,000 feet of logs went over the dam, gorged at Dewing's bridge and backed up the ice for a mile to the dam. This gorge of ice is held fast by frost and the water is overflowing for several miles. The damage already done amounts to upwards of \$1,000, and if the gorge is not broken the gravest fears are entertained for large properties. Blasting will be resorted to.

Arrested for Robbery.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2.—John O'Hara, the driver, was arrested this morning, charged with the robbery of an express package containing \$3,800 yesterday. A warrant was sworn out by J. J. Henderson, Adams Express agent here. O'Hara maintains innocence of the theft, and says it has been mislaid. He says if he had been disposed to steal he could have got away with a \$10,000 package the night before.

Maid for Trial.

FRANKLIN, Mass., Jan. 2.—At Bellingham to-day, before Justice N. A. Cook, William E. Coombs was held in \$200 to appear at the April term of the Criminal Court at Dedham for assault on the daughter of Lotie M. Coombs, who died a few weeks after he was committed to jail.

A Green Mountain Fire.

BERKSHIRE, Vt., Jan. 2.—D. G. Barney's wood working establishment at Arlington burned to-day. Loss \$10,000.

THE CROUCH HORROR.

The Evidence Given in Yesterday's Court.

JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 2.—The prosecution recalled Holcomb. Witness had some words with Henry White. He had stated the latter was not a gentleman. Detective Baker said there was underbrush all around, except where he found the shells. He had driven a gray horse by Ella Shannon's home. Didn't ask Nancy Griffith to change her testimony. Told Loundsberry and Andrews they could see their testimony in the courtroom with Jud a year before. Asked Manchester to come to the court room. This closed the re-cross-examination. The prosecution wanted portions of Harrington's testimony struck out. The defense wanted it all out. Decision held by the court. Emma Hammond swore she had a conversation with Jud a year before the murder. He said he hadn't spoken to his father for six months, and never would, if the old man wanted him (Jud) to speak first. Witness saw Jud in this city at Dec. 25. Several witnesses testified to Henry White and his wife being at their own home several Sundays preceding the murder, when the prosecution had shown they were at Holcomb's. Kittle Demash, the dressmaker, was called, and while waiting for her appearance the prosecution offered Andrews' deposition, taken at the examination, in evidence. This was objected to and argument ensued, lasting until the noon recess.

McCULLOUGH'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Nearly Crushed by Cars While Wandering About.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—John McCullough narrowly escaped being run over by a railway train last evening. He has been wandering aimlessly about the city since Wednesday. He wanted a week at the opera house here, and insisted upon playing next week. Zimmerman, proprietor of the opera house, pacified him and persuaded him to go to Broad street station in company with a lively man attached to the opera house. The actor was unsteady in his movements when he attempted to board the train, which was in motion, and his foot slipped and he fell from the platform. The coachman, who was on the platform, exerted all his strength and lifted him on the car just in time to save him from being crushed.

A COCK-PIT RAIDED.

About Thirty Sports Captured by Officers and Jailed.

GREENSBORO, Pa., Jan. 2.—A cock-pit, two miles from Derry, in a barn owned by John Stimp, was raided yesterday evening by County Detective Alcom, and Humane Agent Cline, who captured about thirty persons, including the proprietor. They were all lodged in jail, but later were admitted to bail, which was forfeited. John Stimp, the proprietor, was brought to this place and lodged in jail. Everybody present had at least two or three chickens in bags. It is calculated there were at least one hundred and fifty fine birds present. About sixty of the party made their escape.

Jud Crouch's Narrow Escape.

JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 2.—A hack containing Jud Crouch was run down by Engine No. 3 to-day. The hack was demolished and a horse killed. Jud was injured from the debris, remarking: "I'm holding them level yet." Jud had been "calling."

No Consolidation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The rumor that a consolidation is anticipated between the Pullman Palace Car Company and the Wagner Company was denied to-day at the office of the former.

TRADE AND FINANCE.

OFFICE OF F. V. TAYLOR, Sweet's Hotel, } GRAND RAPIDS, Jan. 2, 1885.

Beckholm's last statement of what requirements, and supply to meet the same is as follows in round numbers of bushels: Requirements: United Kingdom 128, France 41, Belgium 16, Germany 10, Holland 8, Switzerland 16, Italy 10, Portugal and Spain 8, West India, China, &c., 18, Greece 2, total 290,000 bushels. Surplus: United States 150, Austria and Roumania 15, Austro Hungary 4, India 25, Australia and Chili 15, Egypt and other countries 6; total 272,000 bushels. Showing a gross excess in world's supply of 6,000,000 over imperative demands until the next crop, an amount sufficient only for one week's consumption in this country. To offset this, the English and Continental European reserves have fallen to figures 30,000,000 below those of one year ago, and the acreage for the new crop, both here and abroad is very largely reduced. Exports Wednesday about 400,000 bu. wheat.

Chicago receipts to-day include 115 cars wheat, 334 cars corn, 89 cars oats.

What in Chicago closes to-day at 2 1/2c higher than on Wednesday.

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January.....	76 1/2	79 1/4	76 1/2	78 1/4
February.....	77 1/2	79 3/4	76 3/4	78 3/4
March.....	78 1/2	80	76 1/2	78 1/2
April.....	79 1/2	81	77 1/2	79 1/2
May.....	80 1/2	82 1/2	78 1/2	80 1/2
June.....	81 1/2	83 1/2	79 1/2	81 1/2
July.....	82 1/2	84 1/2	80 1/2	82 1/2
August.....	83 1/2	85 1/2	81 1/2	83 1/2
September.....	84 1/2	86 1/2	82 1/2	84 1/2
October.....	85 1/2	87 1/2	83 1/2	85 1/2
November.....	86 1/2	88 1/2	84 1/2	86 1/2
December.....	87 1/2	89 1/2	85 1/2	87 1/2

New York.

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Flour—Dull, some grades a little higher; Middling, \$2.80; city mill extra, \$4.64; 64 lb round hoop Ohio, \$2.80; 64 lb round flour in moderate demand and steady; common to choice extra, \$1.24; 30.

Wheat—Options moderately active, closing firm and 1/4c higher. Spot lots closed, strong and 1/4c higher. Spot sales of ungraded winter red at 75c; No. 2 red state, 80c; No. 3 red state, 78c; No. 2 red winter, 85c; No. 3 red winter, 82c; No. 2 red winter, 85c; No. 3 red winter, 82c; No. 2 red winter, 85c; No. 3 red winter, 82c.

Corn—Options moderately active, closing firm and 1/4c higher. Spot lots closed, strong and 1/4c higher. Spot sales of ungraded winter red at 75c; No. 2 red state, 80c; No. 3 red state, 78c; No. 2 red winter, 85c; No. 3 red winter, 82c; No. 2 red winter, 85c; No. 3 red winter, 82c.

Oats—Options quiet but firm, closing a trifle higher. Spot lots irregular, lower for mixed and a trifle higher for white. Spot sales of No. 2 white state at 30c; No. 3 white state at 28c; No. 2 mixed at 28c; No. 3 mixed at 26c.

Barley—Dull, Western 50c; 30c.

Hay—Quiet but firm; new meadow, \$12.50; old, \$11.50; 100 lb bales, \$7.00; 50 lb bales, \$3.50.

Wool—Firm but lower; \$1.00; 100 lb bales, \$1.00; 50 lb bales, \$1.00.

Butter—Steady, Western, 90c; State, 15c; 20c.

Eggs—Firm; State, 30c; Western, 25c.

Money was easy throughout the day, and closed at 1 1/2c. Exchange—closed firm; postal notes at 1.00; gold certificates, 1.00; 100 lb bales, 1.00; 50 lb bales, 1.00.

Government bonds closed steady; currency 1 1/2c bid; 4 1/2c bonds, 100 lb bales, 1.00; 50 lb bales, 1.00.

Freight—Dull, but to good effecting, 4 1/2c; 100 lb bales, 1.00; 50 lb bales, 1.00.

Stocks—Steady, Western, 90c; State, 15c; 20c.

Grain—Firm; State, 30c; Western, 25c.

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UNCLE SAM'S LEDGER.

STATEMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Increase During December—The Decrease During the Year—Detailed Accounts of Debits and Credits.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The public debt statement for the month of December issued to-day shows an increase of debt during the month of December of \$641,304. The decrease of debt since January 30, 1884, has been \$31,601,664. The cash in the treasury amounts to \$432,475,776. Current liabilities are as follows: Interest due, unpaid, \$16,088,242; debts on which interest has ceased, \$6,293,925; interest thereon, \$261,055; gold and silver certificates, \$27,799,441; United States notes held for redemption of certificates on deposit, \$24,929,000; cash balance available Jan. 1, 1885, \$140,511,529; debts, less cash in the treasury Jan. 1, 1885, \$1,418,548,371. The following is a comparison of the receipts for December, 1884, with those of December, 1883: For customs, \$11,539,836; internal revenue, \$4,649,619; miscellaneous, \$1,822,228; total, \$22,011,683. For December, 1883: For customs, \$11,539,836; internal revenue, \$4,649,619; miscellaneous, \$1,822,228; total, \$22,011,683. The increase of ordinary expenditures for the six months of 1884, is attributed to the payment of \$3,000,000 in awards made by the Alabama court; \$1,000,000 to the New Orleans Exposition; \$15,000,000 in customs drawbacks, beside the unusual amount for the river and harbor and public buildings improvements. Secretary McCulloch says the increase of the debt this month is due to business depression, decreased customs and other receipts. He thinks that a better showing will be made during January and succeeding months.

Our Currency.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Controller of Currency reports that the decrease since January 1, 1884, of national bank notes outstanding is \$21,104,250, and that the increase in deposit of legal-tender notes since January 1, 1884, is \$3,851,755.

YESTERDAY'S COURTS.

UNITED STATES.—United States v. William S. Denny, stealing money from a letter. Arraigned and pleaded guilty to the information. Sentenced to imprisonment in the Detroit House of Correction for one year.

SENIOR.—Joseph Cressy v. Wm. H. Cressy, in chancery. Bill for divorce filed.

JUSTICE SQUIRE.—Wheeler and Green v. John H. Cole. Assumpsit. Issue joined. Adjourned to Jan. 15.—Whitman Shaffer v. Samuel Post. For assumpsit. Cause pending. Jury trial. Adjourned to Jan. 16.

CIRCUIT.—Emily Benson v. Edward A. Benson, in chancery. Decree of divorce granted.—Joseph Brueck admitted to citizenship.

OFFICE BUSINESS.—Johnathan E. Nash v. Edwin A. Roby, Drain Commissioner of Sparta, Christopher C. Hinman, Supervisor of Sparta, Fletcher G. Richards, Clerk of Sparta, and Nelson H. Hinkson, Treasurer of Sparta, in chancery. Bill to declare void establishment of drain.—Assignment of Melissa A. Berridge to Willis H. Brooks.

POLICE.—Peter Briedenstein; keeping saloon without license; discharged.—Henry Lutter; bastardy; adjourned to January 30.—John A. Pickle; assault and battery; State House of Correction ninety days.—Michael Finn; larceny less than \$25; adjourned to January 3, at 9 a. m.—George and Alfred Rowe and George Sheldon; George Rowe discharged, George Sheldon and Alfred Rowe returned to their mothers.—Thomas Brooks; drunk; ten days in jail.

A Trip With Prof. Strong.

The Young People's Society of the Park Congregational Church held its regular monthly meeting in the church parlors last evening. Among other interesting exercises Prof. E. A. Strong gave a descriptive lecture on a trip in Central Europe. He described the ascent and descent of the Alps, an Alpine glacier, the occupation and home life of the Swiss, and many scenes familiar to the European traveler, in easy and beautiful language. After the lecture the Committee on Social Entertainment invited all to partake of the repast provided and to participate in an informal social in the parlors. This society, lately organized, has already a large membership and their meetings are largely attended.

Real Estate Transfers.

[Furnished daily from the office of W. R. Scribner, real estate dealer.]

Lyman S. Ballard to Franklin J. Baker, lots 4, 5 and 6, Nash's 3d add., and lot 6, blk 8, Nash's 1st add., Sparta, \$1,000.

Lyman S. Ballard to James B. Taylor, per land on sec 14, Sparta, 1.30.

William R. Lawyer et al. to Cornelia Jasper, s. w. 1/4 s. e. 1/4 of sec 7, Grand Rapids, 2.30.

Eliza Jane Leonard to James Leonard, per s. w. 1/4 s. e. 1/4 of sec 10, Nelson, 100.

Charles Bronson to Charles Cleard, per land on sec 23, Bowne, 125.

A Curiosity.

At an exercise in spelling in a school in this city, the word which heads this item was spelled in the following different ways: Curiosity, curiosty, curiosty, curiosty, curiosty, curiosty, curiosty, curiosty, curiosty, curiosty.

RAILROAD NOTES.

J. D. Earle, traveling agent of the Michigan Central, was in the city New Year's day.

The Chicago & Grand Trunk will build a new bridge across Kalamazoo river, at Battle Creek.

A new road from Big Rapids to Alpena, to connect with the Chicago & West Michigan, at the former place, is being agitated.

John Newell, General Manager, and P. P. Wright, of the L. S. & M. S. road, passed over the Michigan Central from this city to Detroit yesterday.

The old stereotyped phrase, "good for this day and date only," and "good only for one continuous trip," are disappearing from the face of railroad tickets with the new year. The new forms are simple and easy to comprehend.

The Audit Department of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee road was merged with the Secretary's office Jan. 1, and Mr. Jas. H. Mait, the secretary of the company, now hereafter be addressed on matters pertaining to this department.

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THE CROUCH MYSTERY.

A Revelation from the Spirit World Concerning it.

Whether it be spirits, ghosts, animal magnetism, cerebral action, psychical force, or what not, certain it is that when a circle of joined hands are formed under the direction of a medium, and certain conditions are complied with, phenomena is often produced that puzzles the puzzled, and awakens even as great a mind as the Rev. Joseph Cook to the necessity of an investigation. And it frequently occurs, as it did with the reverend gentleman named, that no amount of investigation can, or will, reconcile all the phenomena with any hypothesis short of those which acknowledge that these senses lead into a mysterious field as yet uninvestigated by the scientific mind, and where the laws regulating the results are so complex and abstruse as to almost stagger reason with its supernaturalness. However skeptical one may be, he must if fair-minded, acknowledge that this mysterious intelligence which answers his questions, is greater than his own if it imparts to him knowledge which he had not before. Learning that an unusually interesting seance had occurred recently in this city under the direction of what is termed a powerful "medium," a representative of the MORNING TELEGRAM called upon a scientific gentleman who helped to form the "circle," and knowing of his confirmed skeptical opinions, on the subject of spiritualism, asked him to give an unbiased account of the results obtained. Space forbids enumerating more than a fraction of the details.

"Well," said he, "on the theory of the phenomena as they occurred, my mind is not entirely made up. I have my own theory on the entire subject and am carefully investigating and expect to see day light through the phenomena yet. One of the voices which spoke professed to be that of Jacob Crouch, and from questions and answers put gave the following particulars of that horrible tragedy. He said none of his family were concerned in it, but the crime was committed by a relative of the colored boy, a half-blood negro that lives at Ypsilanti, who at first intended only to rob the cattle man Polly, whom he imagined to have considerable money. He gave the boy some chloral to put into the cider, but the quantity was not enough to produce the effect he desired, and when he approached Polly's bed he awakened. He then shot him and the noise awoke Eunice White, whom he first struck senseless to the floor. Fearing the others might awake before he could get his booty, he shot them, and then Mrs. White, putting her body back in the bed. The marks of rubber boots in the mud, of which so much has been talked, this intelligence said was made by those worn by this half-blood negro. The cause of Foy's suicide it said was the result of a drunken spree, in which he imagined he was going to be arrested for murder."

KENT SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE.

Annual Meeting—Election of Officers—Routine Business.

The annual meeting of the Kent Scientific Institute was held at the High school building last evening, and was called to order by Vice-President Whittemore. The name of A. L. Nourse was proposed for membership by Mr. Wolcott. The candidates nominated for membership at the last regular meeting were unanimously elected members of the Institute. The written report of the director of the museum, Prof. F. A. Strong, was read and accepted. The treasurer was granted until next meeting to prepare and submit his report. The election of officers was then had and resulted as follows: President, E. S. Holmes; vice-president, E. Hamilton; secretary, Mr. Whittemore; librarian, Mr. Wolcott; director for four years, Prof. E. A. Strong. A vote of thanks was tendered the donors of the Smithsonian and State documents. The paper on "The Locomotive," to have been read by Secretary Whittemore, will be presented at the next regular meeting. Prof. Strong did not give a detailed report of the condition of the museum, but said the classifications of specimens was being made slowly, and fresh additions were coming in. He urged the necessity of larger and better accommodations for the society and suggesting the appointing of a committee for securing the same. The report closed with a few points as to the benefits derived from the society, and course of action the members could profitably pursue.

Closed on Chattel Mortgages.

A Southwick, a Monroe street crockery dealer, was closed up yesterday by his chief creditors who hold chattel mortgages on his stock aggregating \$7,100.88. The store is now closed and is guarded by the Sheriff. The principal creditors are: Peter Doran, \$800; C. H. Southwick, \$234.54; Mrs. Annie Southwick, \$3,071.73; Carey E. Cargill, of Wabash, Ind., \$600; Mrs. Wm. H. Stewart, of Kalamazoo, \$3,507.54. The value of the stock is not fully determined, but it is expected that it will hardly equal the claims against it. A full exposition of his affairs will probably be made to-day.

It Pays Every Time.

Mr. C. R. Mabley, of the well-known firm of Mabley & Co., recognizes the source of his success in business. In an interview with a Detroit reporter he said: "When the firm of Mabley & Company stop advertising you may know it has decided to go out of business. We believe in it thoroughly, and our business has grown to be what it is simply because we have always used a liberal supply of printer's ink and kept faith with the people. The merchant who buys his goods at a bargain and then lets the people know what he has to offer them is bound to win. The man who never advertises is the drone in the hive of commercial industry."

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EXPLOSION IN A TUNNEL.

THE WORK OF STRIKING MINERS.

One Hundred and Fifty Strikers Obstruct the Baltimore & Ohio Road and Fire at a Watchman.

NEWARK, O., Jan. 2.—The Bristol tunnel on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, three miles from Junction City, is on fire. Fire engines of this city have gone to the scene of the conflagration. All trains are delayed.

SHAWNEE, O., Jan. 2.—The burning tunnel is located on a branch of the Baltimore & Ohio that drops about fifteen miles due southward from Junction City to the Tap coal region at Shawnee. The tunnel, which is several hundred feet long, leads the road through the heart of one of the rugged hills with which this coal and mineral region of Ohio abounds. There is a vein of coal in the tunnel itself, and that feeds the fury of the flames. The tunnel watchman gives the following account of his discovery of the fire: "I heard a noise in the tunnel and as I approached to learn the cause of it, I saw a number of men, when I demanded what they were doing, I heard one of them say, 'Let him have it.' Voices came from the dark cavern and the command was followed by a shot at my lantern. After I heard bullets whizzing by me I thought it was time to get out of danger. They kept up their fusillade until I had reached the mouth of the tunnel. I then watched their movements and after a short time I heard a deafening explosion. I then gave the alarm. From other sources it is learned that the burning of the tunnel was the work of about one hundred and fifty Straiatville strikers. About three hundred feet of the tunnel caved in, and the fire is raging with increased fury. The firemen cannot check the flames, and it now appears that the fire cannot be extinguished until the entire tunnel shall have been consumed. This will cut off Shawnee from all railroad connection with the outside world."

AMUSEMENTS.

Minnie Maddern in "Caprice" at Powers'—Attractions to Follow.

It was a cold night, and but a small audience attended the play last evening. But had the studios, intelligent devotees of the theater known what a good dramatic treat was procurable it is doubtful if they would not have hurriedly and eagerly donned their heavy wraps and baffled the frosty atmosphere incident to reaching the opera house, so rare indeed seems the opportunity now to see a play produced as intelligent taste feels it should be. Entirely free from the coarse and rough methods which many productions offer for approval, "Caprice" is a jewel in the cluster of attractions that have appeared here so far this season. Finely polished with all the softer modes, peculiar in its sympathetic tone, touching in the simple and natural effects, pure and refined in dialogue, "Caprice" has been deserving of all the kind words that have preceded it. Though it relies upon its pathos and touching situations for winning the good will and opinion of the audience, these situations are preceded and followed by a bright gleam of comedy. In *motif* it bears a similarity to "Young Mrs. Winthrop," though a trifle broader in the range of its recital. Appealing entirely to a sympathy that is refined and susceptible of movement, under the gentler influences, it should be a strong success, wherever there exists emotion and affection. Resting then on this proposition, there are a good many ladies and gentlemen in Grand Rapids who will find very much to interest them in this play, produced as it is by an excellent company.

The Mercy of Miss Maddern decidedly eclipses and drives far back into the past anything she has heretofore undertaken.

The character is fitted to her, and she to the character, so much so that Minnie Maddern and the rustic maiden seem synonymous. Nothing is done with effort, every movement and utterance seems spontaneous, in this, the accomplishment of good acting. Her smile, her merry laugh, a tenderness in expression when her sincerity is doubted that is affecting; careless in attitude and posture, she is truly natural, and as *Mercy* holds the mirror up to nature "only to reveal, complete in conception, thoroughly imbued with soul and breath, warm in color, and consistent in disposition and feeling, *Mercy*, as she would appear if she actually existed; a triumph of art, so deftly used that it is entirely dissipated. Mr. Henry Miller as *Jack Henderson* was a manly intelligent person, thoroughly of the nobler nature and possessed of those elements of honesty, consistent dignity and affection. Such were the revelations made by Mr. Miller in the character. Mr. Brooke as *Fotts*, the eccentric and loquacious professor, did so well as to leave the impression that his success might be traceable to actual experience. Mr. Herndon as *Jethro Baxter*, a plain, hardy honest farmer, with some appreciation of the jovial side of life, made a good impression at the start, which increased upon acquaintance. The other ladies and gentlemen in the cast, though not having so much to say or do, performed in a like proportion of excellence to those mentioned. Miss Maddern was three times called before the curtain. The play may be seen again this afternoon